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Paul Supports Nethercutt Compromise *Praises Agreement Reflecting Principles Contained in His Legislation*

Washington, D.C. - Reacting to news that a compromise had been reached on the "Nethercutt language," which would ease trading restrictions against Cuba, Congressman Ron Paul praised the agreement. "By permitting more trade with Cuba while maintaining a ban against subsidizing such trade, we are taking a serious step in the direction of true free trade," Paul said. The language is named after Representative George Nethercutt of Washington, who, along with Paul, has been working to open trade with Cuba. "If the original language was the Nethercutt proposal, I'd like to think of this as the 'Paul compromise.' That is because what this amounts to is the acceptance of many of the principles in my bill H.R. 1181, which I introduced in March of last year to lift the trade embargo on Cuba," stated Paul. The compromise is expected to be contained in legislation to come to the House Floor soon. "We have a long way to go in reforming agricultural policy in this country and in ending these embargoes that hurt American farmers, but passing the principles contained in my H.R. 1181 amounts to a good first step and a victory for Texas farmers," concluded Paul.